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The protracted wet season seemed to culminate in this locality yesterday in a thunder-storm of unusual severity and an extraordinary rainfall, the rain falling the amount falling during the day being a trifling fraction less than three inches. A full account of the effects of the storm will be found elsewhere in to-day's paper.

The mixed position occupied by Senator Thurman on the currency question in Ohio calls to mind the case of a young lady who applied for the position of teacher of a country school in that state not many years ago. Upon being interrogated by one of the trustees for her views as to whether the earth was round or flat, she replied, "I will teach round or flat, as the parents prefer."

The Richmond Whig cautions southern men who take seats in the next Congress to be moderate and temperate in manners, and holds up to them the examples of Ransom, Gordon, Lamar, and others.

It is natural as well as proper that the friends of Mr. Balston, the dead California banker, should try to make it appear that he came to his tragic end by accident rather than by design. But it will be hard to get the public to accept that view. Aside from the character and temperament of the man, it is against nature to suppose that a person who had just been disgracefully deposed from the head of one of the greatest moneyed institutions in the world would on the instant go quietly from the scene of his late power and glory to indulge in the questionable and unusual luxury of an almost ice cold sea bath fully two miles away. It may seem ungracious to keep the unpleasant truth in regard to Mr. Balston's death alive, but there is an obvious moral to be drawn from his extraordinary career, including its tragic close, that ought not to be lost to the country.

The suggestion is made by an exchange that Ida Lewis, the American Grace Darling, should receive the special recognition of Congress at its next session for her heroic deeds in the way of saving human life. Only a few days ago she rescued another drowning man. The suggestion is a good one, and if some one will move in the matter Congress will undoubtedly authorize the issuance of a medal or some other token of recognition.

The defeat of Major Fullerton, of the American team, at Creemore the other day, is one evidence of the fact that the members of that organization are not the only good marksmen in the United States. They are undoubtedly fine shots, but we have the material for a hundred teams as good as they.

There is no doubt but that two San Francisco newspapers, the *Bulletin* and the *Call*, have by their sturdy fight against the monopolists on the Pacific coast, won great public confidence in the managers of the Bank of California, and probably in this indirect way hastened the collapse of that concern. This circumstance accounts for the demonstration against the two papers named, to which reference was made in the dispatches from San Francisco yesterday morning. It is likely, also, that the demonstration was more formidable than the report represented. The agent of the associated press in that city is understood to have a proprietary interest in both of the papers in question, or to be under their control; hence there are grounds for the supposition that he belittled rather than exaggerated the character and extent of the trouble, whatever it was. At any rate the dispatch was suggestively barren of particulars.

Baltimore had within her borders the other day that strange anomaly, a lawyer who couldn't talk. He went about with a paper addressed "To whom it may concern," which read as follows:

"The bearer, a lawyer by profession, having lost the power of his voice and become deaf, has been robed, and being poor in consequence, and having a family to support, hereby appeals for aid."

Ascertaining that the fellow boarded at a hotel, and was soon to be unrobed, his tongue and order costly fare, the police arrested him. On being arraigned before the court an affidavit made before a justice of the peace to the effect that he had been a lawyer for sixteen years; that it is the rule of the legal profession to appeal to the public for aid, as being deaf and mute, not only in securing public office, but to sustain the government and constitution; that lawyers hold their office during life, and are called upon to perform the most difficult and important business, and to hold the most important offices, to keep the government in existence, and to defend the rights of the people, and that is but just that the people should help them. The judge read these somewhat singular pleas, and in a low tone of voice said that no such special plea could be made before a justice of the peace, whereupon the deaf and dumb man said: "I know not what the law is in this state, but I do know —." Here he stopped remembering that he could not speak. The result was that the "deaf and dumb" tramp was sent up as a vagrant.

One man at least has been made happy by the failure of the Bank of California, which his name it is McCarran. Mr. McCarran, who is a "claimant" of some nine or ten years standing, has always attributed his failure to secure the New Idria quicksilver property to the influence of the Bank of California, as well as in behalf of the party in possession.

**WOMAN'S TEMPERANCE UNION.** — An important meeting will be held at Hotel New Haven, Monday evening, August 30th, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance of the Union is desired.

**CALLED MEETING OF THE ST. JOSEPH'S GOLF AND TENNIS CLUB.** — The great golf and tennis club will be held at the office of the company, 1304 Chestnut, on TUESDAY EVENING, August 30th, at 7 p.m. J. C. WHITWELL, Sec. and Treas.

**COKE ONLY SIX CENTS A BUSHEL.** — Price of Coke reduced to Six Cents a bushel, and will be held in WEDNESDAY EVENING, August 30th, at 7 o'clock. A full attendance of the Union is desired.

**SPECIAL NOTICE.** — The eighth regular meeting of G. D. C. BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, will be held on TUESDAY, Sept. 1st, at 8 p.m., at the office of G. M. Barker, 19 New York avenue northwest, when the books of the association will be open for more money to be had in the same, by paying in, after the sale of the stock, for which application for subscription to the latter can be made.

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**AUTHORITY AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS.** — Auctioneers and Commission Merchants, 936 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia.

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